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Wait for God's will to be done

The first chapter of 1 Kings tells the story of David, the king of Israel, who became king of Israel in his old age, and his son Adonijah made himself king.

Adonijah's self-reliance caused the displeasure of Zadok, Nathan, and Joab, David's loyal servant, who sided with Solomon. David commanded Sidok the priest and Nathan the prophet to carry Solomon to Gihon, and to use the mule of the queen plucking Sheba as Solomon's mount.

When Adonijah hears the sound of celebration, he realizes that he has been deposed, and he flees to the altar for protection. Solo assured that Adonijah would not be harmed, as long as he behaved appropriately.

This chapter focuses on the succession to the throne of the Davidic dynasty and the role of Zadok and Nathan, among others. This also laid the foundation for the later reign of Solomon. When Solomon's mother, Bathsheba, came to King David and reasoned with him, and Nathan the prophet testified about it, David swore to make Solomon king, and then commanded Zadok the priest and others to make Solomon king in Gihon, and all the nations shouted and sounded the trumpet, and Solomon sat on David's throne and reigned.

Solomon's kingship is not from man but from God, God has made it clear that he will be king, just as David was king in the past, now God has promised Solomon to be king, although he heard that Adonijah claimed to be king, but he did not use the method, power to take back the kingship for himself, but waited for God's will to be completed, many Christians today do not see this, if we see this, we will never fight for our position in the church, reputation, if it is the Lord ordained, God will raise us up, we do not have to fight for ourselves.

In our pursuit of our goals, we often need the guidance of God's wisdom and strength. No matter how sophisticated our plans may be, we must humbly acknowledge that we need God's help to achieve these goals. In this process, prayer becomes a comfort and guide for our hearts, soothing our restless hearts.

As Christians, we are convinced that God's Doctrine will fulfill our plans and desires. Therefore, in our journey to pursue our goals, we need not only to develop wise plans and strategies, but also to constantly pray to God for wisdom and guidance. Prayer is not only a valuable form of communication, but also a bridge between us and God, giving us peace and strength in our hearts.

When we feel irritable and confused, prayer can help us calm our minds and find inner peace and tranquility. Through dialogue with God, we can pour out our hearts, seek answers, and find comfort in His love and wisdom. In prayer, we surrender our troubles and anxieties to God, trusting that He will give us the strength and courage to face challenges and guide us on the right path.

Therefore, let us walk with God in faith and humility and ask for His wisdom and grace to accomplish our great plan. In prayer, we surrender our troubled and troubled hearts to God, trusting that He will soothe our hearts with His peace and comfort, so that we can move forward unwaveringly and steadfastly in the pursuit of our goals.

There are many passages in the Bible that emphasize the importance of waiting on God. Here are some examples:

Psalm 27:14: "Wait for the Lord, be strong, be strong in heart, and wait for the Lord!"

Psalm 37:7: "Trust in the Lord in silence and wait patiently on him." Do not do evil because of him whose way leads and because of him who accomplishes evil schemes. ”

Psalm 62:5: "Wait on God, O my soul, in silence, for my hope is in Him." ”

Isaiah 40:31, "But they that wait on the Lord will renew their strength." They shall rise up like eagles with wings, and they will run without weariness, and walk without fainting. ”

These verses encourage us to be patient and steadfast in waiting for God's timing and plan. As we wait, we can seek God's face and guidance, trusting that His promises will be fulfilled in due time.

We pray together

God, we pray to you as we wait, that we may see your riches and wonders. In our long wait, please give us patience and steadfast faith so that we can wait quietly for your timing and plans. May your wisdom and grace fill our hearts so that we can comprehend your will and guidance.

Lord, please lead us in your paths so that our eyes can see your work and miracles. May your Spirit fill our lives and let our hearts feel the warmth and comfort of your presence with us. As we wait, strengthen our faith so that we are not shaken by adversity and difficulties, but confident that your promises will be fulfilled.

Lord, may your love and grace fill our lives and allow us to experience your beauty and wonder in our waiting. Give us wisdom and courage so that we can do your will and live for your glory. Thank you for hearing our prayers, and in the name of Jesus Christ, Amen.

1 Kings chapter 1

1Kg. 1:1 When King David was old and well advanced in years, he could not keep warm even when they put covers over him.

1Kg. 1:2 So his servants said to him, "Let us look for a young virgin to attend the king and take care of him. She can lie beside him so that our lord the king may keep warm."

1Kg. 1:3 Then they searched throughout Israel for a beautiful girl and found Abishag, a Shunammite, and brought her to the king.

1Kg. 1:4 The girl was very beautiful; she took care of the king and waited on him, but the king had no intimate relations with her.

1Kg. 1:5 Now Adonijah, whose mother was Haggith, put himself forward and said, "I will be king." So he got chariots and horses [Or charioteers] ready, with fifty men to run ahead of him.

1Kg. 1:6 (His father had never interfered with him by asking, "Why do you behave as you do?" He was also very handsome and was born next after Absalom.)

1Kg. 1:7 Adonijah conferred with Joab son of Zeruah and with Abiathar the priest, and they gave him their support.

1Kg. 1:8 But Zadok the priest, Benaiah son of Jehoiada, Nathan the prophet, Shimei and Rei [Or and his friends] and David's special guard did not join Adonijah.

1Kg. 1:9 Adonijah then sacrificed sheep, cattle and fattened calves at the Stone of Zoheleth near En Rogel. He invited all his

brothers, the king's sons, and all the men of Judah who were royal officials,

1Kg. 1:10 but he did not invite Nathan the prophet or Benaiah or the special guard or his brother Solomon.

1Kg. 1:11 Then Nathan asked Bathsheba, Solomon's mother, "Have you not heard that Adonijah, the son of Haggith, has become king without our lord David's knowing it?"

1Kg. 1:12 Now then, let me advise you how you can save your own life and the life of your son Solomon.

1Kg. 1:13 Go in to King David and say to him, 'My lord the king, did you not swear to me your servant: "Surely Solomon your son shall be king after me, and he will sit on my throne"? Why then has Adonijah become king?'

1Kg. 1:14 While you are still there talking to the king, I will come in and confirm what you have said."

1Kg. 1:15 So Bathsheba went to see the aged king in his room, where Abishag the Shunammite was attending him.

1Kg. 1:16 Bathsheba bowed low and knelt before the king. "What is it you want?" the king asked.

1Kg. 1:17 She said to him, "My lord, you yourself swore to me your servant by the LORD your God: 'Solomon your son shall become king after me, and he will sit on my throne.'

1Kg. 1:18 But now Adonijah has become king, and you, my lord the king, do not know about it.

1Kg. 1:19 He has sacrificed great numbers of cattle, fattened calves, and sheep, and has invited all the king's sons, Abiathar the priest and Joab the commander of the army, but he has not invited Solomon your servant.

1Kg. 1:20 My lord the king, the eyes of all Israel are on you, to learn from you who will sit on the throne of my lord the king after him.

1Kg. 1:21 Otherwise, as soon as my lord the king is laid to rest with his fathers, I and my son Solomon will be treated as criminals.”

1Kg. 1:22 While she was still speaking with the king, Nathan the prophet arrived.

1Kg. 1:23 And they told the king, “Nathan the prophet is here.” So he went before the king and bowed with his face to the ground.

1Kg. 1:24 Nathan said, “Have you, my lord the king, declared that Adonijah shall be king after you, and that he will sit on your throne?”

1Kg. 1:25 Today he has gone down and sacrificed great numbers of cattle, fattened calves, and sheep. He has invited all the king’s sons, the commanders of the army and Abiathar the priest. At this very moment they are eating and drinking with him and saying, ‘Long live King Adonijah!’

1Kg. 1:26 But me your servant, and Zadok the priest, and Benaiah son of Jehoiada, and your servant Solomon he did not invite.

1Kg. 1:27 Is this something my lord the king has done without letting his servants know who should sit on the throne of my lord the king after him?”

1Kg. 1:28 Then King David said, “Call in Bathsheba.” So she came into the king’s presence and stood before him.

1Kg. 1:29 The king then took an oath: “As surely as the LORD lives, who has delivered me out of every trouble,

1Kg. 1:30 I will surely carry out today what I swore to you by the LORD, the God of Israel: Solomon your son shall be king

after me, and he will sit on my throne in my place.”

1Kg. 1:31 Then Bathsheba bowed low with her face to the ground and, kneeling before the king, said, “May my lord King David live for ever!”

1Kg. 1:32 King David said, “Call in Zadok the priest, Nathan the prophet and Benaiah son of Jehoiada.” When they came before the king,

1Kg. 1:33 he said to them: “Take your lord’s servants with you and set Solomon my son on my own mule and take him down to Gihon.

1Kg. 1:34 There shall Zadok the priest and Nathan the prophet anoint him king over Israel. Blow the trumpet and shout, ‘Long live King Solomon!’

1Kg. 1:35 Then you are to go up with him, and he is to come and sit on my throne and reign in my place. I have appointed him ruler over Israel and Judah.”

1Kg. 1:36 Benaiah son of Jehoiada answered the king, “Amen! May the LORD, the God of my lord the king, so declare it.

1Kg. 1:37 As the LORD was with my lord the king, so may he be with Solomon to make his throne even greater than the throne of my lord King David!”

1Kg. 1:38 So Zadok the priest, Nathan the prophet, Benaiah son of Jehoiada, the Kerethites and the Pelethites went down and put Solomon on King David’s mule and escorted him to Gihon.

1Kg. 1:39 Zadok the priest took the horn of oil from the sacred tent and anointed Solomon. Then they sounded the trumpet and all the people shouted, “Long live King Solomon!”

1Kg. 1:40 And all the people went up after him, playing flutes and rejoicing greatly, so that the ground shook with the sound.

1Kg. 1:41 Adonijah and all the guests who were with him heard it as they were finishing their feast. On hearing the sound of the trumpet, Joab asked, “What’s the meaning of all the noise in the city?”

1Kg. 1:42 Even as he was speaking, Jonathan son of Abiathar the priest arrived. Adonijah said, “Come in. A worthy man like you must be bringing good news.”

1Kg. 1:43 “Not at all!” Jonathan answered. “Our lord King David has made Solomon king.

1Kg. 1:44 The king has sent with him Zadok the priest, Nathan the prophet, Benaiah son of Jehoiada, the Kerethites and the Pelethites, and they have put him on the king’s mule,

1Kg. 1:45 and Zadok the priest and Nathan the prophet have anointed him king at Gihon. From there they have gone up cheering, and the city resounds with it. That’s the noise you hear.

1Kg. 1:46 Moreover, Solomon has taken his seat on the royal throne.

1Kg. 1:47 Also, the royal officials have come to congratulate our lord King David, saying, ‘May your God make Solomon’s name more famous than yours and his throne greater than yours!’

And the king bowed in worship on his bed

1Kg. 1:48 and said, ‘Praise be to the LORD, the God of Israel, who has allowed my eyes to see a successor on my throne today.’“

1Kg. 1:49 At this, all Adonijah’s guests rose in alarm and dispersed.

1Kg. 1:50 But Adonijah, in fear of Solomon, went and took hold of the horns of the altar.

1Kg. 1:51 Then Solomon was told, “Adonijah is afraid of King Solomon

and is clinging to the horns of the altar. He says, 'Let King Solomon swear to me today that he will not put his servant to death with the sword.'"

1Kg. 1:52 Solomon replied, "If he shows himself to be a worthy man, not a hair of his head will fall to the ground; but if evil is found in him, he will die."

1Kg. 1:53 Then King Solomon sent men, and they brought him down from the altar. And Adonijah came and bowed down to King Solomon, and Solomon said, "Go to your home."

Chapter 1 begins with King David in his old age and his son Adonijah attempting to seize the throne. Adonijah is supported by Joab, the commander of the army, and Abiathar, the priest. However, Nathan the prophet and Bathsheba, David's wife and mother of Solomon, conspire to ensure that Solomon becomes king instead.

Bathsheba goes to David and reminds him of his promise that Solomon would be his successor. David agrees and commands that Solomon be anointed king by the priest Zadok. Nathan also goes to David and tells him about Adonijah's plan to take the throne. David agrees to support Solomon as king and orders his servants to proclaim Solomon as king.

Adonijah's supporters, including Joab and Abiathar, hear the news and flee in fear of Solomon's wrath. Adonijah himself goes to the altar and pleads for mercy from Solomon, who agrees as long as Adonijah proves himself a worthy and obedient subject.

The chapter ends with Solomon consolidating his power as king, including executing Adonijah's supporters and dismissing Joab as commander of the army.

Here are some important verses from 1 Kings chapter 1 in the Christian Bible:

1 Kings 1:1-4 - These verses introduce the story of King David in his old age and his son Adonijah's attempt to seize the throne.

1 Kings 1:5-10 - Adonijah declares himself king and gains the support of many people, including Joab (David's commander) and Abiathar (a priest).

1 Kings 1:11-14 - Nathan the prophet and Bathsheba (David's wife and mother of Solomon) plot to prevent Adonijah from becoming king.

1 Kings 1:15-27 - Bathsheba goes to David and reminds him of his promise to make Solomon king. David agrees and publicly declares Solomon as his successor.

1 Kings 1:28-40 - David's supporters gather to crown Solomon as king and celebrate with a feast.

1 Kings 1:41-49 - Adonijah and his supporters are afraid and scatter as they hear the celebrations.

1 Kings 1:50-53 - Adonijah pleads for mercy and Solomon agrees not to harm him as long as he remains loyal.

These verses set up the transition of power from King David to his son Solomon and demonstrate the political intrigue and power struggles that can occur even among members of the same family.

In the first chapter of the book of 1 Kings in the Bible, we are introduced to a significant transition of power within the kingdom of Israel. King David, who ruled over Israel for many years, is now old and frail, and his son Adonijah begins to assert his claim to the throne.

This chapter provides us with several key themes and lessons to reflect upon. Here are a few reflections on chapter 1:

The importance of discernment and wisdom: In this chapter, we see the contrast between Adonijah's actions and the discernment of the prophet Nathan and Bathsheba, Solomon's mother. They recognize Adonijah's attempt to seize power and take proactive measures to ensure God's chosen successor, Solomon, becomes the next king. It reminds us of the significance of discernment and seeking wisdom from God when faced with challenging situations.

The consequences of unchecked ambition: Adonijah's actions reveal the dangers of unchecked ambition. Instead of waiting for God's appointed time, Adonijah tries to take matters into his own hands and elevate himself to the throne. However, his plans ultimately fail, and he faces severe consequences for his presumption. This serves as a reminder for us to align our ambitions with God's will and trust in His timing.

God's faithfulness in fulfilling His promises: Despite the challenges and potential threats to Solomon's rightful claim to the throne, we witness God's faithfulness in fulfilling His promises. God had chosen Solomon to be the next king, and He ensures that Solomon ascends to the throne despite Adonijah's attempts. This chapter highlights God's sovereignty and His commitment to His chosen people.

The importance of honoring parents: King David, in his old age, is not aware of Adonijah's plans. Bathsheba's intervention to remind David of his promise regarding Solomon demonstrates the importance of honoring one's parents and the weight of keeping one's word. It reminds us of the value of respecting and caring for our parents, even in difficult circumstances.

These reflections provide a starting point for contemplating the themes and lessons found in the first chapter of 1 Kings. As you continue to read through the book, you'll encounter more stories and teachings that offer further insights and spiritual guidance.